

**REMARKS**

Claims 6-19 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-5 are cancelled, and claims 6-19 are added. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

**I. The Title**

By this Amendment, the title is amended to read “DEVICE FOR COOLING THE ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT OF A MICROWAVE OVEN.”

**II. The Drawings**

The Office Action objects to the drawings because Figure 1 does not include a legend identifying this figure as “Conventional Art.” Applicant also notes that Figures 2 and 3 are mislabeled. Accordingly, in a Request for Approval of Drawing Amendments, filed herewith, Applicant proposes to add the legend “Conventional Art” to Figure 1, to re-label Figure 2 as Figure 3 and to re-label Figure 3 as Figure 2. Approval of the drawing corrections is respectfully requested.

**III. Claim Rejection 35 U.S.C. §112**

The Office Action rejects claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, alleging the claims are indefinite as failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter

which Applicant regards as the invention. Because claims 1-5 have been cancelled, this rejection is moot. Additionally, Applicant notes that the new claims have been drafted to more clearly set forth the vent hood functionality of the invention.

**IV. Claim Rejection 35 U.S.C. §102**

Claims 1, 2 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 4,314,126 to Yoshimura et al. (hereinafter “Yoshimura”). Because claims 1, 2 and 4 have been cancelled, this rejection is moot.

**V. Claim Rejection 35 U.S.C. §103**

Claims 3 and 5 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Yoshimura in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,618,756 to Shawaderer et al. (hereinafter “Shawaderer”). Because claims 3 and 5 have been cancelled, this rejection is moot.

**VI. New Claims 6-19**

By this Amendment, claims 6-19 are added to the application. Claims 6 and 12 are new independent claims directed to a microwave oven. Claims 7-11 depend from claim 6, and claims 13-19 depend from claim 12.

It is respectfully submitted that new claims 6-19 are allowable over the references of record. In particular, claim 6 includes the feature of a plurality of electronic components

disposed above a top and to a first side of a cooking chamber of the microwave oven, and claim 12 includes the feature of a microwave oven where a cooling air flow path is separate from an exhaust air flow path. Applicant notes that the references of record, either alone or in combination, fail to disclose or suggest these features. Accordingly, new claims 6-19 should be in allowable condition.

## **VII. Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the Application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, **Randall H. Cherry**, at the telephone number listed below.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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